Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Public notices about the activities and business of government are essential for a healthy democracy; and,

Whereas, Public notices such as board minutes and proceedings, bids, elections, proposed budgets, and expenditures help foster and support an informed citizenry; and,

Whereas, Since our nation's beginning, public notices published in local newspapers has proven a reliable, effective, and efficient means for disseminating information about government and certain court-related activities; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has more general-circulation weekly and daily newspapers per capita than any state in the nation; and,

Whereas, South Dakota newspapers have a significant role in keeping citizens informed through the publication of public notices by creating a verifiable, independent, and permanent record of government activities and proposals; and,

Whereas, South Dakota newspaper publishers also have joined together without any additional cost to government to offer a free website of all public notices published in their newspapers, thereby extending the reach and search of public notices to an independent, online venue:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

PUBLIC NOTICES MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State